(d) what is the amount, yet to be paid till date by certain other Companies during 2000-2001, indicating the names thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the defaulting Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S ATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Action against companies who appear to have indulged in overcharging is taken under para 13 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, who has issued around 110 notices to various companies. Issuance of show-cause notice by the NPPA under para 13 of DPCO'95 is a continuous activity. As on 31st July, 2001, NPPA is taking follow-up action in 84 cases of overcharging involving SI companies. In some cases, the companies have filed writ petitions against the notices issued by the NPPA in various High courts in the country and in some cases, courts have passed interim orders restraining the NPPA from taking further action against the petitioner companies.

Task Force on petro-chemicals

2776. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a task force on petro-chemicals called The petro-chemicals vision 2010 Advisory Group, to study various aspects of the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Group has submitted any report so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made to create a world-scale infrastructure and petro-chemical complexes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. A Task Force has been set up to, *inter-alia,* suggest measures for enhancing competitiveness and realising growth potential of the domestic petro-chemical indusry.

(c) to (e) The Task Force is yet to submit its Report.